

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1102
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Luke Archer Knox, 2004
Valedictorian of Bartlett High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Luke Archer Knox is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2004 graduating class at Bartlett High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Knox has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Knox has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, exhibiting superior intellect, Mr. Knox has excelled in Honors and AP level classes throughout all four of his years at Bartlett High School; and

WHEREAS, an active and important part of his school, Mr. Knox has held membership in numerous academic organizations, including the Latin Club serving as Co-Consul, Latin Honor Society, National Honor Society, Beta Club serving as President, Mu Alpha Theta serving as President, Reading Club, History Club, Computer Club, and Earthwatch; and

WHEREAS, desiring to better his school and community, Mr. Knox has served as a Senior Class Officer and has also held membership in numerous service organizations, including Peer Mediation, Unisex, Special Olympics Volunteers, Pep Club serving as Committee Chairman, Key Club, Junior Class Committee, FCA, IMPACT, and Big Brothers/Big Sisters; and

WHEREAS, earning numerous accolades for his laudable accomplishments, Luke has been recognized as a USAA All American Scholar and a Furman Scholar; has been included on

the Principal's Honor Roll; has received the Top Ten Student Award, Top 5 Candidate for First Tennessee Freshman of the Year Award, Top 5 Candidate for HOBY Award, and the Kodak Youth Leader Award; and has been selected as a Delegate to the Student Congress of Policies and Education, Nominee for Alumni National Leadership Forum in Medicine and in Law, and as a Top 3 Finalist for the Executive Women International Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, a gifted essayist, Mr. Knox was awarded First Place in the *Commercial Appeal's* Unsung Hero Contest and the Panther's Prey Autumn Editorial, Third Place in the Fleet Reserve Association Branch 231 competition and Panther's Prey Spring Editorial, and placed in the Top 10 in the Veterans of Foreign Wars essay competition; and

WHEREAS, achieving success not only in the classroom but also on the athletic fields, Luke Knox has been an integral part of the Baseball team and AYSO Soccer team and was selected as a Wendy's High School Heisman Nominee; and

WHEREAS, a public-minded citizen, Luke contributes his time and talents to the Cordova Church of Christ Youth Group, the American Diabetes Association, and the American Leukemia and Lymphoma Association; he has volunteered with Parent's Night Out, the Adopt-A-Child program, the Campus Beautification Project, Cordova Bowling Center, Nursing Home Caroling, Zoo Boo as a Candy Distributor, and as a tutor with Bartlett Children's Home; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his myriad accomplishments, Mr. Knox has worked part time as an Office Assistant to his high school's Guidance Counselors, in the Shipping and Packaging Department for Shelby Group Incorporated, and assisted Sales Representatives for the Shelby Group; and

WHEREAS, the intellectual aptitude and ambition that Mr. Knox exhibits surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Knox's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Luke Knox's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor 2004 Bartlett High School Valedictorian,

Luke Archer Knox, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.